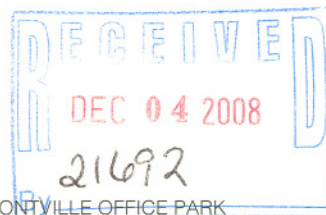




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**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Eileen Swan, Executive Director  
Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council  
100 North Road (Route 513)  
Chester, New Jersey 07930-2322

Re: Township of Rockaway  
Resolution #R08-159 and #R08-160

Dear Ms. Swan:

Enclosed you will find one certified copy each of Resolution #R08-159 (Township of Rockaway's Notice of Intent to Petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance) and Resolution #R08-160 (Township of Rockaway Seeking an Extension of the Deadline to Petition for Substantive Certification Pursuant to Executive Order #114 and the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Highlands Council and the Council on Affordable Housing).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

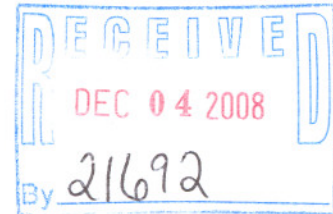
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Enclosures

cc: Mary C. Cilurso, Township Clerk (w/o encl.)  
Mayor Louis S. Sceusi (w/o encl.)  
Gregory V. Poff, II, Business Administrator (w/o encl.)  
Phyllis Hantman (w/o encl.)  
Joseph Burgis (w/o encl.)

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**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY  
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-159**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION  
THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR  
PLAN CONFORMANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land

to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Rockaway lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Rockaway recognizes the statutory obligation of the Township of Rockaway to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

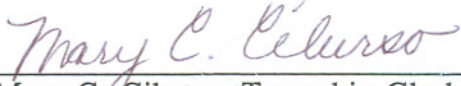
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Notice of Intent additionally specifies the Township Council's non-binding intent to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the Petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

**CERTIFICATION**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on December 2, 2008.

  
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Mary C. Cilurso, Township Clerk